



Hoonah Indian Association

P.O. Box 602

Hoonah, AK 99829-0602

Phone (907) 945-3545 Fax (907) 945-3703



September 25, 2018

Yolynda Begay, Acting District Ranger
USDA Forest Service
Tongass National Forest
Admiralty Island National Monument
Hoonah Ranger District
Hoonah AK 99829

Dear Ms. Begay,

The Hoonah Indian Association appreciates the invitation of the US Forest Service to consult in the establishment of rules governing the management of inventoried roadless areas located within the National Forests in Alaska. We further appreciate the invitation of the US Forest Service to become a cooperating agency in the preparation of analysis and documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") associated with this rulemaking. As the federally recognized tribal government for the Huna Tlingit, we believe it is our responsibility to our citizens to be fully engaged in the rulemaking processes, thus accordingly, we accept the invitation to become a cooperating agency.

We look forward to providing input, in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding to be developed and executed relative to the roadless rulemaking process.

Gunalchéesh

Robert Starbard

Tribal Administrator